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Bristol Bay Eastside Salmon Announcement # 27 Emergency Order: 32

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in King Salmon with an update for Egegik and an announcement for Ugashik District fishermen. The time is 3:00 p.m. and the date is Sunday, July 1, 2012.

In Egegik: Escapement at the tower on June 30 was 3,000. Catch for yesterday was 270,000 for both tides. Through June 30 cumulative catch is 1.1 million, escapement is 233,000.

Escapement into the river increased slightly yesterday after the set gillnet opener. Escapement after the drift opener last night showed a slight increase over the previous tide. We will be getting one more data point from the inriver test fishery overnight. The fleet should stand by at 8:00 a.m. for a possible short notice opener on the morning tide. However, any possibility of fishing will depend on the level of escapement overnight.

In Ugashik: Catch from Saturday was 150,000, escapement was 2,700. Through June 30 cumulative catch is 590,000 and cumulative escapement is 24,000.

Commercial fishing will be permitted in the Ugashik district with set gillnet gear from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 2, 2012.......a 10 hour period. Commercial fishing with drift gillnet gear will be permitted from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday, July 2, 2012.......a 7 hour period.

Fishermen in Egegik should stand by at 8:00 a.m. Monday July 2 for the next possible announcement and Ugashik fishermen should stand by at 3:00 p.m., Monday, July 2, for the next possible announcement.

This has been the Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game in King Salmon.

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